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**CIVIL WAR LETTER OF CORNELIUS H. PERRING**  
**PRIVATE, CO. E-I, 6TH INDIANA CAVALRY**

[Owned in the 1960s by Mrs. John Anderson, Monticello, Indiana]

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Head-Quarters, 2nd Division, Cavalry Corps,  
Dep't. Army of the Ohio.  
Near Nicholasville, April 20th, 1864.

Dear Friends,

is well, in fact there is very little sickness in the Reg't. The boys tell me that the little gaudies a good deal. You probably hear all the news from the other part of the Reg't. These other men then of the Reg't.

My dear Waverley -

Your last letter was rec'd at Knoxville but as I have been continually on the move since then I have not made time to answer it. When the 9th A.C. went to Annapolis all of the 6th Ind on duty with them were relieved. I was immediately detailed as clerk for the Maj Director of the 23d A.C. but before I had commenced business for him our Battalion was ordered to rejoin the Reg't in this State. We are now in the Cavalry Corps commanded by Gen'l Stoneman. Col Biddle is Commanding a Division. & I am in the Adj Gen's office again. It was an erroneous view of the subject in Mr Alderdice to consider my Clerkship as a promotion. It is merely a change in my duties & altho' I believe I wrote to you that I would get extra pay I was mistaken. The clerks at Hd Qs all expected to get extra pay but when it came to the point it proved a failure. We came from Knoxville to Louisville & thence to Paris Ky (where we rejoined the Reg't) by cars. There we drew fresh horses & moved down here. We are about 2 miles from Nicholasville & four from Camp Nelson. I don't know what the idea was for moving down



here but I suppose that in a very short time we will take  
the field for active service. Gen. Stoneman says he is going  
without a single wheel taking nothing except on pack mules.  
No doubt there is some big raid on hand. Our Chaplain is  
still with us. I believe he is universally regarded as one of the  
best men in the world. You ask my opinion about the future  
(eternal) prospects of the Rebels & say that John Green thinks none  
of them can go to Heaven. I cannot agree with him as I believe  
there are pious people among them & genuine Christians tho' the  
eyes of their understanding may be somewhat darkened, but  
I do not wish to commence a discussion of this subject by letter.  
I had hoped to get a furlough from this state & spend a  
few days with my friends; when, as old Mosely Wood says,  
I might have "explored my warships." I would like very much  
to drop in some day & take a little snite of meat & would not object  
to a little snite of the Honey Sady spoke of. In regard to Contra-  
bands on your farm I do not know whether you were joking  
or serious, but I hope you will not establish a colony of Afri-  
can descent any where upon your premises. I have not time  
to write you a long letter as I am now the only Clerk in the  
office & have written in considerable hurry. Please write  
to me as often as you can make it convenient & direct to  
Adj. Dir 3rd Div Car Command Dept of the Ohio Nicholasville Ky.  
I remain as ever your sincere friend C. H. Perring

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